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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, FAX NO. (703) 872-9319 ON 19 February 2003.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Peter HUENIKEN *et al.*)

Application No.: 09/639,083)

Filed: 16 August 2000)

For: MULTIPLE AXIS CONNECTION SYSTEM)

Confirmation No.: 3067

Group Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: Prasad, C.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in reply to the Office Action dated 15 November 2002.
2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - ☐ Change of Correspondence Address
 - ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Change
 - ☐ Drawings: ☐ Formal ☐ Informal (Correction)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449, _____ reference(s) included
 - ☐ Citations
 - ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

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3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☐ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,390.00	\$695.00

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Extension of time fee due with this request: \$0.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	15	minus	20	0	x \$18 each =	+ \$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	4	minus	4	0	x \$84 each =	+ \$ 168.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$270.00	+ \$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$ 0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$ 0.00

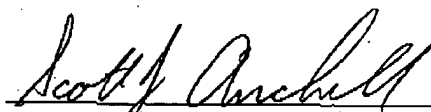
6. Fee Payment

- [X] No fee is to be paid at this time.
- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: 19 February 2003

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AMENEMDNT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated 15 November 2002 (Paper No. 16), the period for replying to which extends to 27 August, i.e., the next business day following 15 February 2003 (in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(a)). Entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 and 11-13 as follows.

(Amended) A system for connecting a male member to a female member, the male and female members being relatively displaceable substantially along an axis lying in a plane, the system comprising:
a pair of first projections each extending parallel to the plane and each having a first end spaced from a second end, each first end being fixed to a first one of the male and female